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## **GOVERNOR SIGNS SENATE BILL 258 BY SENATOR LUNEAU**

This week, Governor Edwards signed Senate Bill 258 by District 29 State Senator Jay Luneau (D-Alexandria) into state law. The measure requires insurance plans to cover the costs of refilling topical ophthalmic (eye drop) prescriptions under certain circumstances. Patients will be able to get their refill for a 30-day prescription 23 days after the prescription was originally filled. Representatives of the Louisiana Academy of Eye Physicians and Surgeons (LAEPS) joined Senator Luneau in Baton Rouge for the signing of the bill.



Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards (center) signs SB 258 into state law. Pictured with him (from left to right) are: Senator Luneau; Ramesh S. Ayyala, MD, FRCS, Professor of Ophthalmology at Tulane Medical Center; Danny Ford, LAEPS; Jessie McCormick, LAEPS; and Derrell Cohoon, LAEPS.

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